

APPENDIX A
MPUC NOTICE



8701 Monticello Lane North
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55369-4556

October 17, 2007

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Application for Route Permit for Mary Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Dr. Haar:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. (Xcel Energy), hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of its intent to submit a route application for the Mary Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Project following the alternative process set forth in Minnesota Rules 7849.5500 to 7849.5720 as authorized by Minnesota Rule 7849.5500, subp. 1(c). This letter is provided to comply with the requirements of Rule 7849.5500, subp. 2.

Xcel Energy proposes to construct a new 115 kV transmission line approximately 5.25 miles long connecting the Mary Lake - Dickinson 69 kV line, located on the southeast side of the City of Buffalo near Highway 55, to the Buffalo - Maple Lake 69 kV line, which is located within the city limits, south of the Buffalo Power Substation. The purpose of the project is to improve electrical reliability in the area. Once constructed, the line will be operated at 69 kV. The line is being built to 115 kV standards to help accommodate future growth in the demand for power.

We anticipate filing the route application in November. If you have any questions, please contact me at (763) 493-1808.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darrin Lahr', written over a white background.

Darrin Lahr
Supervisor Siting and Permitting

cc: Robert Cupit, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Deborah R. Pile, Department of Commerce

Appendix A